

PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE MOBILE AL
948 PM CDT THU APR 28 2011

...NWS DAMAGE SURVEY TEAM FINDS EF-3 TORNADO TRACK ACROSS NORTHERN CHOCTAW COUNTY ALABAMA...

EVENT OCCURRED THE EVENING OF APRIL 27, 2011

- * EVENT LOCATION: FROM 4 MI SW OF YANTLEY, AL TO NEAR OAKCHIA, AL
- * STORM CLASSIFICATION: EF-3 INTENSITY TORNADO (MAX WINDS: 150 MPH)
- * BEGINNING LAT/LON: 32.216N / -88.432W
- * ENDING LAT/LON: 32.308N / -87.978W
- * PATH LENGTH: 27.3 MILES
- * MAXIMUM WIDTH: 1000 YARDS
- * NOTES: THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE SURVEY TEAM FOUND EVIDENCE THAT THE TORNADO WAS ALREADY ON THE GROUND AS IT MOVED OUT OF EXTREME NORTHEASTERN CLARKE COUNTY MISSISSIPPI INTO NORTHERN CHOCTAW COUNTY APPROXIMATELY 4 MILES TO THE SOUTHWEST OF THE COMMUNITY OF YANTLEY. THE TORNADO THEN REMAINED ON THE GROUND AS IT MOVED EAST ACROSS THE ENTIRE WIDTH OF EXTREME NORTHERN CHOCTAW COUNTY...BEFORE EXITING THE COUNTY BY CROSSING THE TOMBIGBEE RIVER NEAR THE COMMUNITY OF OAKCHIA. THE TORNADO NEARLY PARALLELED COUNTY ROAD 32 AS IT MOVED EAST ACROSS THE COUNTY...PRODUCING EF-2 AND SPORADIC EF-3 DAMAGE ALONG IT'S PATH. CONSIDERABLE TREE DAMAGE WAS NOTED ALONG THE ENTIRE PATH...WITH MANY TREES SNAPPED OFF ABOVE GROUND LEVEL AND SOME TREES COMPLETELY UP ROOTED. EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO HOMES AND OTHER STRUCTURES WAS ALSO NOTED...WITH EF-3 DAMAGE TO ONE HOME THAT HAD IT'S ROOF TAKEN OFF AND EXTERIOR WALLS COLLAPSED. SEVERAL MOBILE HOMES ALONG THE PATH OF THE TORNADO WERE ALSO COMPLETELY DESTROYED.

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